# BLYTHE CITY COUNCIL Special Meeting



AGENDA
JULY 24, 2015
2:30 p.m.

Joseph "Joey" DeConinck, Mayor
Timothy "Tim" Wade, Vice Mayor
Wayne Cusick, Councilman
Oscar Galvan, Councilman
Mallory Sutterfield, Interim City Manager/City Clerk

MEETINGS ARE HELD IN THE CITY COUNCIL CHAMBER, 235 NORTH BROADWAY, BLYTHE, CA



#### Special Meeting of The Blythe City Council July 24, 2015 2:30pm

#### **CALL TO ORDER**

#### **ROLL CALL**

Mayor DeConinck Vice Mayor Wade Councilman Galvan Councilman Cusick Interim City Manager/City Clerk Sutterfield City Treasurer/Interim Finance Director Elms Public Works Director Baldizzone City Attorney Bettenhausen Interim Police Chief Mathews Planner Burrow

#### PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

**CONSENT CALENDAR-** (Items 1-3) All matters listed under Consent Calendar are considered routine and will be enacted by one motion. There will be no separate discussion of these items prior to the time of voting on the motion unless members of the Council or staff request specific items be discussed and/or removed from the Consent Calendar for separate action.

#### 1. Posting of the Agenda.

The summary of agenda items were posted on the bulletin boards on the outside of the public entrance to the Council Chamber, near the inside entrance of the Council Chamber and at 281 Bayview Blvd. Newport, Washington 99156 on Thursday, July 23, 2015.

#### Approval of the Payroll Register.

Recommendation: Approve **7/24/15**, warrants numbered 47486 through 47512 and Direct Deposits numbered 34534 through 34592 in the amount of \$243,644.51.

#### 3. <u>Amendment to Contract for Animal Services provided by Riverside County.</u>

Recommendation: Authorize the City Manager to sign the First Amendment to the Agreement with Riverside County Department of Animal Services.

**PUBLIC HEARING: None** 

**ORDINANCE:** None

**CONTINUED BUSINESS: None** 

**NEW BUSINESS:** (Items 4-5)

#### 4. Recreation Center Roof Rehabilitation Project.

Recommendation: Authorize staff to request invitation for proposals for the Blythe Recreation Center Roof Rehabilitation Project.

#### 5. <u>League of CA Cities Resolution to Support Transportation Funding.</u>

Recommendation: Adopt Resolution No. 2015-026 urging the State to provide new sustainable funding for local transportation infrastructure.

RESOLUTION NO. 2015-026. A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BLYTHE, CALIFORNIA URGING THE STATE TO PROVIDE NEW SUSTAINABLE FUNDING FOR STATE AND LOCAL TRANSPORTATION INFRASTRUCTURE.

#### **WRITTEN COMMUNICATION: None**

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#### **SUCCESSOR AGENCY: None**

**ORAL REPORTS** (Council may ask a question for clarification, make a brief announcement, make a brief report on his/her own activities, request staff to report back at a subsequent meeting concerning any matter, or take action to direct staff to place a matter of business on a future agenda.)

**PUBLIC COMMENT** Public comments will be allowed on matters not appearing on the agenda, but within Council/Blythe Successor Agency jurisdiction. Speakers are asked to identify themselves by stating their name and address for the record. Comments shall be limited to 3 minutes in duration.

#### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

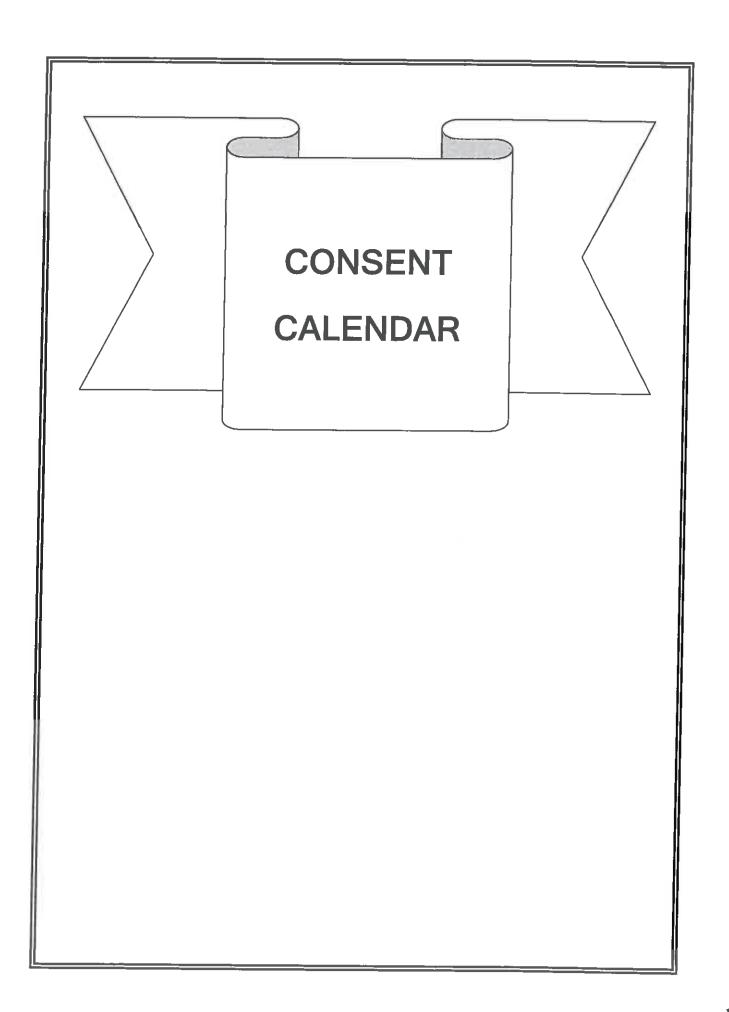
6. Potential Litigation, Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9, once case.

ADJOURNMENT The next regular City Council/Successor Agency meeting will be held on August 25, 2015, at 6:00 p.m. in the Council Chamber, 235 N. Broadway, Blythe, California.

#### **NOTE TO THE PUBLIC:**

In compliance with the Americans with Disability Act, if you need special assistance to participate in this meeting, please contact ADA Coordinator Mallory Sutterfield at (760) 922-6161 EXT. 237 or by email at msutterfield@cityofblythe.ca.gov. Notification 24 hours prior to the meeting will enable the City to make reasonable arrangements to ensure accessibility to the meeting (28 CFR 35.104 ADA Title II).

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# CITY OF BLYTHE

# PAYROLL LISTING

Pay period 06/19/2015 to 07/02/2015 Payday 07/10/2015

47486 to 47512 and Direct Deposits numbered 34534 to 34592 are hereby approved in the amount of We the undersigned officers of the City of Blythe, CA, do hereby certify that Warrants numbered \$243,644.51 this 14th day of July 2015.

Interim Director of Finance	Councilman Gavan	Councilman Cusick
Interim I	Vice Mayor Wade	Councilman De Coninck



#### CITY OF BLYTHE CITY COUNCIL MEETING

#### STAFF REPORT

**MEETING DATE: July 24, 2015** 

**SUBJECT:** 

Amendment to Contract for Animal Services provided by Riverside

County

PRESENTED BY: Robert T Mathews, Interim Chief of Police

PREPARED BY:

Robert T Mathews, Interim Chief of Police

**RECOMMENDATION:** It is recommended Council authorize the City Manager to sign the First Amendment to the Agreement with Riverside County Department of Animal Services.

FISCAL IMPACT: None

BACKGROUND: The City of Blythe uses Riverside County's Animal Shelter for the housing and care of animals. The current contract was approved by the council at the City Council Meeting of May 12, 2015.

STAFF REPORT: In the City of Blythe, when the Animal Control Officer is contacted by an animal owner who wishes to surrender ownership of their animal, the Animal Control Officer directs them to the County Animal Shelter. At the Animal Shelter the surrendered animal is processed, and a fee is charged to the owner. Surrendered animals do not count against the City's per year number of animals, as the cost is paid for by the owner.

In other jurisdictions, the Animal Control Officers will take possession of the animal directly. and place it at the Shelter. This has caused a situation where the fee for the surrendered animal is not collected.

In an effort to prevent this problem, Riverside County has put forth an amendment to the contract for animal services, which addresses this issue. While this amendment does not affect the City of Blythe, the amendment has been put forth to all users of Riverside County contracts for Animal Services to maintain uniformity throughout all the contracts.

#### ATTACHMENTS:

1. First Amendment to Agreement with Riverside County to Provide Animal Services

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# FIRST AMENDMENT TO THE AGREEMENT BETWEEN COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE AND

CITY OF BLYTHE

(Animal Shelter Services)

Agreement No. 15-013 between the County of Riverside through its Department of Animal Services (COUNTY) and City of Blythe (CITY), approved on June 30, 2015, executed by the Board of Supervisors item 3.7, is hereby amended for the first time effective on the later date of execution by both Parties as follows:

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- 2. All other terms and conditions of this Agreement are to remain unchanged.

#### **COUNTY**

**CITY** 

By: Marion Ashley, Chairman, Board of Supervisors	By:
Date:	Print:
ATTEST: Kecia Harper-Ihem, Clerk	
By:	Date:

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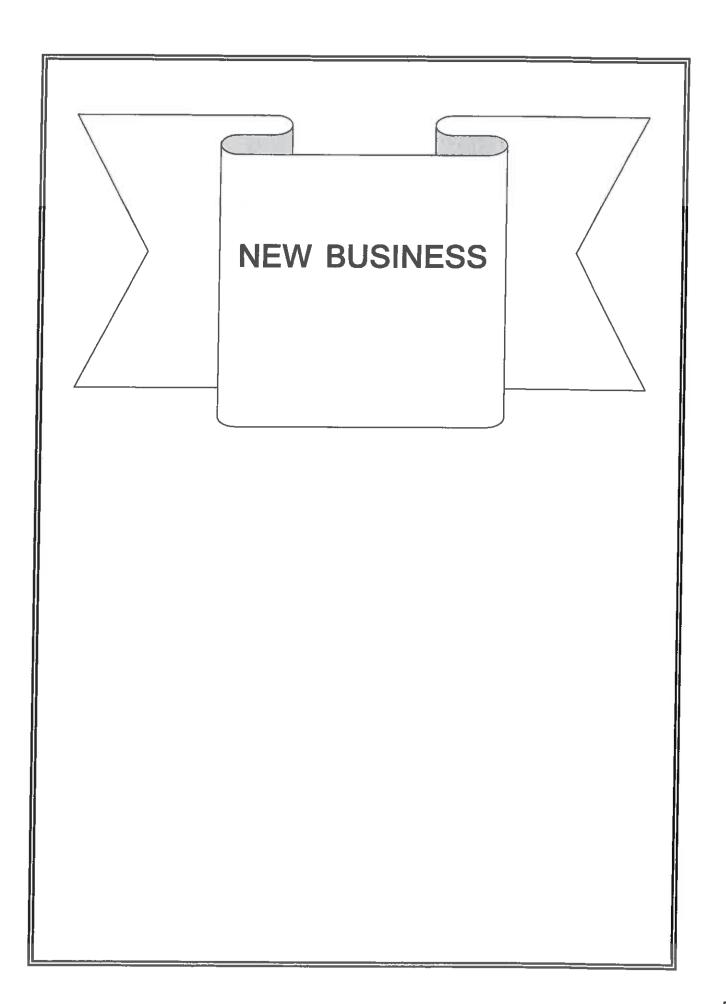
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ATTEST: Kecia Harper-Ihem, Clerk	
Ву:	Date:





## CITY OF BLYTHE CITY COUNCIL MEETING

#### STAFF REPORT

**MEETING DATE:** 

July 24, 2015

SUBJECT:

Recreation Center Roof Rehabilitation Project

PRESENTED BY:

Mallory Sutterfield, Interim City Manager

PREPARED BY:

ICM Sutterfield and PW Director Baldizzone

**RECOMMENDATION:** Staff recommends Council authorize staff to request invitation for proposals for the Blythe Recreation Center Roof Rehabilitation Project.

FISCAL IMPACT: The Engineer's Opinion of Probable Cost is \$154,000 (\$140,000 plus 10% contingency). Council included \$100,000 in Capital Improvement funds for this project in the FY 15/16 budget. There are Building Construction Funds available to cover project overages if it does in fact come in at the Engineer's Estimate or above.

BACKGROUND: The Recreation Center has a significant roof leak which causes flooding inside the Center after heavy rains; affects the roof structural members; and the new flooring installed by the Rec-N-Crew. Earlier this year staff began working with contractors on cost estimates to repair the leak. After inspections by the Building Department it was determined the problem was bigger than a leak in the roof; several of the roof structural members were found damaged and these structural issues need to be addressed before the roof is repaired. The City then hired Amir Engineering, who provided a structural engineer to inspect the building, prepare a scope of work for the project and provide the City with bid documents for the project.

STAFF REPORT: Last week staff received the completed bid documents prepared by Amir Engineering and is ready to put this project out to bid. It is staff's intent to hold the bid opening in August, with approval to award the bid presented to Council soon thereafter. Once the bid is awarded, it is staff's intent to commence work as soon as possible. With school and sports activities gearing up, September and October are slower times at the Center and would be the optimal time to have the Center closed for up to 1 month for Construction.

ATTACHMENTS: None

## CITY OF BLYTHE CITY COUNCIL MEETING



#### STAFF REPORT

MEETING DATE: July 24, 2015

SUBJECT: League of CA Cities Resolution to Support Transportation Funding

PRESENTED BY: Mallory Sutterfield, Interim City Manager

PREPARED BY: Mallory Sutterfield, Interim City Manager

**RECOMMENDATION:** Adopt Resolution No. 2015-026 urging the State of California to provide new sustainable funding for local transportation infrastructure.

FISCAL IMPACT: Unknown at this time.

**BACKGROUND:** Last week the League of California Cities adopted a Resolution to support Transportation Funding. This action was in response to Governor Brown's Proclamation calling for an Extraordinary Session on Transportation and Infrastructure.

**STAFF REPORT:** As the League continues to hear that legislators need to hear directly from their cities the League is asking its member cities to pass the attached Resolution urging the State to provide new, sustainable funding for State and Local transportation infrastructure. The League would also like cities to provide them with a list of projects that could be funded with new funding sources. The Resolution focuses on seven points that the League is encouraging the Legislature to adopt:

- 1. Make a significant investment in transportation infrastructure.
- 2. Focus on maintaining and rehabilitating the current system.
- 3. Equal split between state and local projects.
- 4. Raise revenues across a broad range of options.
- Invest a portion of diesel tax and/or cap & trade revenue to high-priority goods movement projects.
- 6. Strong accountability requirements to protect the taxpayers' investment.
- 7. Provide consistent annual funding levels.

#### Attachments:

1. Resolution No. 2015-026

#### **RESOLUTION NO. 2015-026**

#### A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BLYTHE, CALIFORNIA URGING THE STATE TO PROVIDE NEW SUSTAINABLE FUNDING FOR STATE AND LOCAL TRANSPORTATION INFRASTRUCTURE

WHEREAS, Governor Edmund G. Brown, Jr. has called an extraordinary session to address the immense underfunding of California's transportation infrastructure; and

WHEREAS, cities and counties own and operate more than 81 percent of streets and roads in California, and from the moment we open our front door to drive to work, bike to school, or walk to the bus station, people are dependent upon a safe, reliable local transportation network; and

WHEREAS, the City of Blythe has participated in efforts with the California State Association of Counties, League of California Cities, and California's Regional Transportation Planning Agencies to study unmet funding needs for local roads and bridges, including sidewalks and other essential components; and

WHEREAS, the resulting 2014 California Statewide Local Streets and Roads Needs Assessment, which provides critical analysis and information on the local transportation network's condition and funding needs, indicates that the condition of the local transportation network is deteriorating as predicted in the initial 2008 study; and

WHEREAS, the results show that California's local streets and roads are on a path of significant decline. On a scale of zero (failed) to 100 (excellent), the statewide average pavement condition index (PCI) is 66, placing it in the "at risk" category where pavements will begin to deteriorate much more rapidly and require rehabilitation or rebuilding rather than more cost-effective preventative maintenance if funding is not increased; and

WHEREAS, if funding remains at the current levels, in 10 years, 25 percent of local streets and roads in California will be in "failed" condition; and

WHEREAS, cities and counties need an additional \$1.7 billion just to maintain a status quo pavement condition of 66, and much more revenue to operate the system with Best Management Practices, which would reduce the total amount of funding needed for maintenance in the future; and

WHEREAS, models show that an additional \$3 billion annual investment in the local streets and roads system is expected to improve pavement conditions statewide from an average "at risk" condition to an average "good" condition; and

WHEREAS, if additional funding isn't secured now, it will cost taxpayers twice as much to fix the local system in the future, as failure to act this year will increase unmet funding needs for local transportation facilities by \$11 billion in five years and \$21 billion in ten years; and

WHEREAS, modernizing the local street and road system provides well-paying construction jobs and boosts local economies; and

WHEREAS, the local street and road system is also critical for farm to market needs, interconnectivity, multimodal needs, and commerce; and

WHEREAS, police, fire, and emergency medical services all need safe reliable roads to react quickly to emergency calls and a few minutes of delay can be a matter of life and death; and

WHEREAS, maintaining and preserving the local street and road system in good condition will reduce drive times and traffic congestion, improve bicycle safety, and make the pedestrian experience safer and more appealing, which leads to reduce vehicle emissions helping the State achieve its air quality and greenhouse gas emissions reductions goals; and

WHEREAS, restoring roads before they fail also reduces construction time which results in less air pollution from heavy equipment and less water pollution from site run-off; and

WHEREAS, in addition to the local system, the state highway system needs an additional \$5.7 billion annually to address the state's deferred maintenance; and

WHEREAS, in order to bring the local system back into a cost-effective condition, at least \$7.3 billion annually in new money going directly to cities and counties; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BLYTHE strongly urges the Governor and Legislature to identity a sufficient and stable funding source for local street and road and state highway maintenance and rehabilitation to ensure the safe and efficient mobility of the traveling public and the economic vitality of California.

**RESOLVED FURTHER**, that the CITY OF BLYTHE strongly urges the Governor and Legislature to adopt the following priorities for funding California's streets and roads.

- 1. Make a significant investment in transportation infrastructure. Any package should seek to raise at least \$6 billion annually and should remain in place for at least 10 years or until an alternative method of funding our transportation system is agreed upon.
- 2. Focus on maintaining and rehabilitating the current system. Repairing California's streets and highways involves much more than fixing potholes. It requires major road pavement overlays, fixing unsafe bridges, providing safe access for bicyclists and pedestrians, replacing storm water culverts, as well as operational improvements that necessitate the construction of auxiliary lanes to relieve traffic congestion choke points and fixing design deficiencies that have created unsafe

- merging and other traffic hazards. Efforts to supply funding for transit in addition to funding for roads should also focus on fixing the system first.
- 3. Equal split between state and local projects. We support sharing revenue for roadway maintenance equally (50/50) between the state and cities and counties, given the equally-pressing funding needs of both systems, as well as the longstanding historical precedent for collecting transportation user fees through a centralized system and sharing the revenues across the entire network through direct subventions. Ensuring that funding to local governments is provided directly, without intermediaries, will accelerate project delivery and ensure maximum accountability.
- 4. Raise revenues across a broad range of options. Research by the California Alliance for Jobs and Transportation California shows that voters strongly support increased funding for transportation improvements. They are much more open to a package that spreads potential tax or fee increases across a broad range of options, including fuel taxes, license fees, and registration fees, rather than just one source. Additionally, any package should move California toward an all-users pay structure, in which everyone who benefits from the system contributes to maintaining it from traditional gasoline-fueled vehicles, to new hybrids or electric vehicles, to commercial vehicles.
- 5. Invest a portion of diesel tax and/or cap & trade revenue to high-priority goods movement projects. While the focus of a transportation funding package should be on maintaining and rehabilitating the existing system, California has a critical need to upgrade the goods movement infrastructure that is essential to our economic well-being. Establishing a framework to make appropriate investments in major goods movement arteries can lay the groundwork for greater investments in the future that will also improve air quality and reduce greenhouse gas emissions.
- 6. Strong accountability requirements to protect the taxpayers' investment. Voters and taxpayers must be assured that all transportation revenues are spent responsibly. Local governments are accustomed to employing transparent processes for selecting road maintenance projects aided by pavement management systems, as well as reporting on the expenditure of transportation funds through the State Controller's Local Streets and Roads Annual Report.
- 7. Provide Consistent Annual Funding Levels. Under current statute, the annual gas tax adjustment by the Board of Equalization is creating extreme fluctuations in funding levels a \$900 million drop in this budget year alone. A transportation funding package should contain legislation that will create more consistent revenue projections and allow Caltrans and transportation agencies the certainty they need for longer term planning.

AYES: NOES: ABSENT: ABSTAIN:	
ATTEST:	Joseph DeConinck, Mayor
Mallory Sutterfield, City Clerk	
(SEAL)	

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED, this 24th day of July 2015, by the following roll call vote:

